

Fig. 1 Shock standoff distance as a function of density ratio across normal shock: a) Δ/R_s and b) Δ/R_n .

density ratio across a normal shock. In Fig. 1a the standoff distance Δ is normalized by R_s , the radius of curvature of the shock at the axis of symmetry. In this form the numerical results are correlated by the constant-density solution of Hayes and Probstein³:

$$\frac{\Delta}{R_s} = \frac{\rho_\infty/\rho_2}{1 + (8\rho_\infty/3\rho_2)^{1/2}} \quad (1)$$

Of more interest to the designer is the shock standoff distance normalized by R_n , the nose radius (Fig. 1b). The constant-density analysis by Hayes and Probstein does not yield the nose radius; hence, it is necessary to make a further

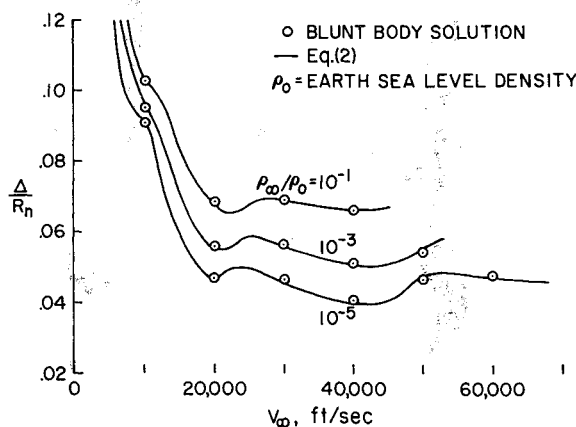


Fig. 2 Shock standoff distance for mixture of 50% argon, 40% nitrogen, and 10% carbon dioxide; $T_\infty = 634^\circ \text{R}$.

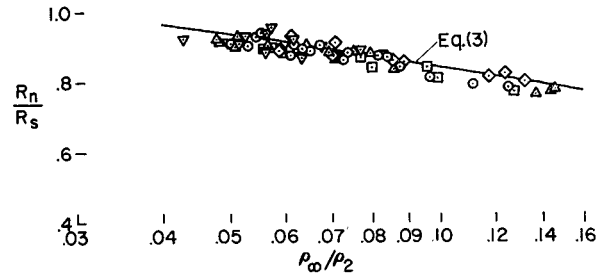


Fig. 3 Ratio of nose radius to shock radius.

assumption, for example, that the shock and body are concentric, in order to relate the standoff distance to the nose radius. This assumption is not valid as shown in Fig. 1b. However, the present numerical results are correlated by a simple linear law found by Seiff⁴:

$$\Delta/R_n = 0.78(\rho_\infty/\rho_2) \quad (2)$$

A typical variation of standoff distance with freestream velocity and density is shown in Fig. 2 for the mixture of argon, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide.

The ratio of nose radius to shock radius from the present numerical method is shown in Fig. 3. Combination of Eqs. (1) and (2) yields the following correlation equation:

$$\frac{R_n}{R_s} = \frac{1.28}{1 + (8\rho_\infty/3\rho_2)^{1/2}} \quad (3)$$

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Heat Transfer from an Impinging Rocket Jet

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Nomenclature

- A = area, ft²
 C_p = specific heat, Btu/lb-°F
 h = heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/ft²-°F-sec
 k = thermal conductivity, Btu/ft-sec-°F
 l = length into plate, ft
 Pr = Prandtl number
 q = heat flow rate, Btu/sec
 t = time, sec
 M = average molecular weight
 T = temperature, °F
 U = velocity, fps
 W = weight, lb
 X = distance from start of boundary layer, ft
 γ = specific heat ratio
 ρ = density, lb/ft³
 μ = viscosity, lb/in.-sec

Subscripts

- g = gas
 0 = stagnation
 P = plate
 R = reference

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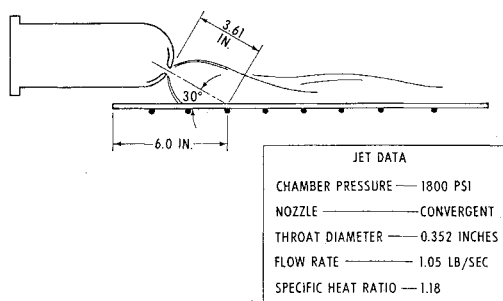


Fig. 1 Experimental arrangement.

DETERMINATION of heat transfer from supersonic rocket jets impinging on adjacent surfaces is important in rocket technology. The exhaust jet will generally impinge on portions of the launch platform and tower during liftoff, or staging rocket jets will possibly impinge on the vehicle upper stages during separation and may cause mission failure. These heat-transfer problems become more important as booster sizes increase and missions and launch facilities become more complex.

A corollary problem exists through the use of pyrotechnics to ignite solid-propellant rocket motors. As solid booster sizes are increased, the possibility of significant weight savings through accurate igniter sizing is also increased. However, to optimize igniter size, it is necessary that ignition pressure transients, which are strong functions of propellant surface heat transfer, be calculable.

Heat transfer from subsonic jet impingement has been studied,¹⁻³ and some supersonic jet impingement data exist,⁴⁻⁶ but experimental data concerning impingement heat transfer from supersonic, solid rocket jets containing alumina particles are not available. The calculation of impingement heat transfer is complicated by the two-phase nature of the jet, radiation from the jet, afterburning on the jet surface, and the energy transfer caused by solid particles solidifying on the surface. Each of these complexities make an analytical study of impingement heating extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Flow in a supersonic jet impinging on a solid surface will go through a normal shock or a series of oblique shocks to establish some flow regime downstream of the impingement zone. One method that should provide a fairly accurate estimate of the convective component of heat transfer outside the impingement region would be to assume turbulent flat-plate flow with the boundary layer starting at the impingement zone. A turbulent boundary layer, by its very nature, responds rapidly to varying wall temperature, and consequently it is not a strong function of its history to a particular point on the wall. This convenient phenomenon allows one to calculate heat-transfer rates without regard to upstream wall temperature variations. However, as calculations approach the impingement zone or the starting point

of the boundary layer, turbulent flat-plate theory breaks down and heat-transfer rates approach infinity. To gain additional information about where turbulent flat-plate theory would be applicable, an experimental program was initiated to measure heat transfer in the impingement region.

The experimental apparatus consisted of a two-phase, solid rocket jet expanding through a sonic nozzle from a chamber pressure of 1800 psi and impinging on a thin (0.129-in.-thick) copper plate (Fig. 1). The plate was divided into two sections: one highly polished to minimize radiative heat transfer, and the other sprayed with a thin coating of flat black paint to maximize radiative heat transfer. The objective of the painting was to provide a method to separate the radiative and convective heat transfer. The plate temperature was monitored during the test at 25 locations by 30-gage chromel-constantan thermocouples attached to the back side of the plate approximately 0.10 in. from the hot gas surface.

The relative thinness of the plate permits the assumption that heat flow will be one-dimensional. Also, the temperature-time response of a thermocouple located on the back side of a 0.10-in.-thick copper plate was analytically determined to insure that valid heat-transfer data could be measured and that the hot-side surface would not melt during the $\frac{1}{2}$ -sec test duration. The plate response for a typical expected heat-transfer coefficient is presented in Fig. 2, which indicates that valid data can be obtained after 15 msec. After 15 msec, the expression for the heat flux can be written

$$\dot{q} = hA(T_{og} - T_p) = WC_p(dT_p/dt) \quad (1)$$

which can be approximated in finite difference form as

$$\frac{\Delta T_p}{\Delta t} = \frac{h(T_{og} - T_p)}{\rho C_p l} \quad (2)$$

The convective heat-transfer coefficient for fully turbulent flow over a flat plate is given by

$$h(P_R)^{2/3}/C_p \rho_R U = 0.0296(\mu/\rho_R U X)^{0.2} \quad (3)$$

Test Results

The impingement zone boundaries were well defined experimentally by the deposition of aluminum oxide on the

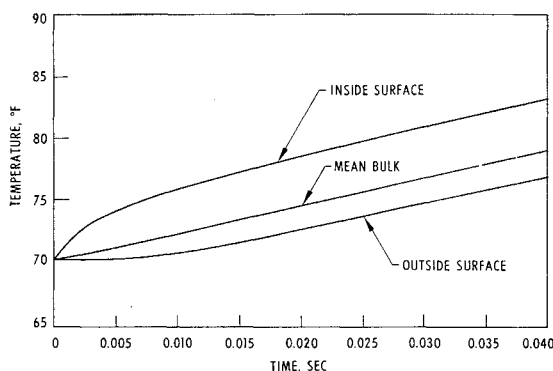


Fig. 2 Temperature-time responses of a copper plate.

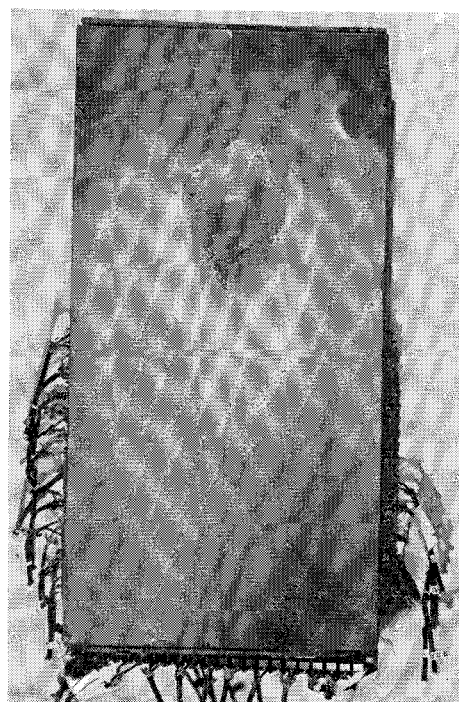


Fig. 3 Copper plate after firing.

